

Monthly Highlights

February 2026



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Town Committees and Municipal Court Calendars

For the complete 2026 meeting schedule for Town committees and the Municipal Court dates, please use this [LINK](#) to our website. These dates are also found on the Town's website calendar found [HERE](#).

Town Hall Closed

February 16 -
President's Day

Do You Know....

When George Washington's father died in 1743, there was little money left to support the formal education of eleven year old George. His formal schooling ended by the time he was 15 years old, but his pursuit of knowledge continued throughout his life.

Notifications: CodeRed and Town News & Notices

Please note the CodeRed system has changed and updated their platform, so the Town has a new link for those who are not yet subscribed and wish to receive CodeRed notices. The new link may be found to the left of this box and by using this link: [CodeRED OnSolve Sign-Up](#).

For those who are already subscribed to CodeRed, nothing further is needed on your end. The subscribers lists were loaded into the new platform. Only those who are not already subscribed would need to use the new link.

As a reminder, in order to receive news and notices from the Town, please use the green link to the left of this box to sign-up. News, agendas and minutes, bid notices, and other items may be received. Click on the topics that interest you to sign up.

If you have any questions, please contact Dee Stalvey at dstalvey@townofedistobeach.com.

Cold Weather Tips

The temperatures will hopefully get warmer soon, but below are some reminders during this cold spell:

- insulate exposed, exterior water supply lines and outdoor spigots
- open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing
- let the cold water drip from the faucet served from exposed pipes
- if away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home set no lower than 55 degrees F
- in bitterly cold temperatures, dress in layers, wear a hat and gloves.
- Be safe and be weather aware!



USACE Project Update

The Town of Edisto Beach continues to work with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to bring the beach nourishment project to fruition.

Discussions and plans regarding the appraisals needed for this project have been ongoing for the past few months. Recently, the Town and the USACE agreed on the methodology to be used for the appraisal process. As part of this, Town Council approved the services of Colliers International Valuation & Advisory Services, LLC, in order to conduct the appraisal work in close coordination with the USACE.

The appraisal process is estimated to take several months' time. Following this process, the Town will begin the easement process with the 193 beachfront owners.

More information will be provided as we begin to finalize the real estate components of the project.

SC Department of Environmental Services: Beach Monitoring

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services routinely collects water samples at over 120 locations along the South Carolina beach coast during the monitoring period of May 1 to October 1. Advisories are issued for portions of the beach where high numbers of bacteria are found. An advisory means that SCDES advises you not to swim in that particular area, and this is especially true for young children, the elderly, and those with compromised immune systems. As DES notes, advisories do not mean that the beach is closed as wading, fishing, and shell collecting do not pose a risk.

When advisories are issued and then lifted by DES, the Town posts such on the News section of our website and notifications are forwarded to those who are subscribed through our system.

For complete information, please see the official DES link [HERE](#).

Lift Stations and WWTP Updates

Progress is continuing on the projects funded by the South Carolina Infrastructure and Investment Program (SCIIP).

J.S. Haren Company is the contractor for the lift station project. Four (4) lift stations have been replaced and are currently in use: Pompano, Waterfront, Scott Creek Drive, and Lee Street. Work has begun on four (4) additional lift stations: Yacht Club Road, Bay Point, Cheehaw Street, and Dock Site Road. The remaining three (3) lift stations should commence work soon. Project completion is expected in late March 2026.

As well, the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades have begun by Haren Construction Company. Work on this project includes the improvement of the existing treatment lagoon, temporary installation of a package plant, equalization and waste activated sludge basins, lagoon dredging, installation of a new lagoon liner, and other related equipment and systems. Dredging equipment has been mobilized to the lagoon and the package plant has been installed. Foundation repairs to the existing wastewater treatment building and installation of a new generator are also being taken care of.

Project completion is expected by late spring.



Scott Creek Drive Lift Station

AMI Update

The Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project has progressed over the past few months.

Approximately 97% of the meters have been replaced, with full installation anticipated by early February.

Once the system is up and running, the Town will be alerted if a water leak is detected. More information regarding increased billing frequency, electronic payment options and customer portal access will be made in the coming months.

This project is funded by legislative earmarks in the amount of \$1 million.

Reminder: Water Turn-Off

As a reminder, when homeowners need to turn the water off at their homes, please turn-off the water under the house, not at the street. Restoring water to the lines while meters are being installed and before the new system is up and running could cause issues for homeowners who have turned off water while winterizing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Utilities Department at 843-869-2505, ext. 201.

Golf Cart 2026 Decal

Reminder that golf carts must have a Town of Edisto Beach decal to operate in Town limits. If your golf cart decal expired on December 31, 2025, you must renew your decal.

An Edisto Beach address must be listed on the state golf cart registration in order to obtain an Edisto Beach decal. The state registration and decal must be current to obtain an Edisto Beach golf cart decal. See additional information here: [**GOLF CART DECAL INFO**](#)

SC Beach Advocates Meeting

Mayor Crawford Moore, Councilman Jay Watts, and Town Administrator Mark Aakhus participated in the 12th Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Beach Advocates in late January. This meeting centered on Partnerships to Advance Coastal Resilience.

Sessions during this meeting included remarks from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, the South Carolina Office of Resilience, and the US Army Corps of Engineers. A panel session of the 2026 Legislative Session Update & Outlook for South Carolina Beaches involved several legislators, including George E. "Chip" Campsen III of District 43.

The Board of Directors also held a panel session on the most pressing beach management challenges for the beach communities. Mayor Moore, who serves as Vice Chair of the organization, also participated in this panel session.

Following several panel sessions on topics important to beach communities and resiliency, the meeting concluded with its final topic, Between Land and Sea: Legal Frontiers for Beachfront Management.

The mission of SC Beach Advocates, a non-profit organization, is to educate the public, governmental authorities, and elected officials as to the environmental, economic, and societal impact of South Carolina's beaches and inlets.



January 8, 2026 Council Meeting

At the regular monthly Town Council meeting held on January 8, 2026, the following items were approved by Council:

- Approved the 2026-2027 Budget Calendar.
- Approved the ATAX Application from the Town of Edisto Beach for Jungle Road Park Landscaping Services for a Butterfly Garden in the amount of \$60,700 to install a pollinator-friendly butterfly garden, which was recommended by the ATAX Board as approved at its meeting on December 30.
- Approved the contract for deer management services to Lowcountry Wildlife Specialists, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$13,600, and deer processing not to exceed \$8,000.
- Approved appraisal services for the beach nourishment project in the amount of \$200,000 to Colliers International Valuation and Advisory Services, LLC.

A ceremonial swearing-in was also held at the January 8th meeting for Officer Brian Dowdy, who joined the Edisto Beach Police Department in December. Welcome, Officer Dowdy!



Mayor Moore with Officer Dowdy and family

Starfish Awards

Town Council presented the Starfish Award to Assistant Fire Chief Ken Sallenger, who was nominated for the Starfish by Town resident Jeanine Rhodes for Ken's assistance on August 6 when her dear friend and neighbor, Pat Stare, collapsed while cutting her grass. Ms. Rhodes and another individual were already administering CPR when Assistant Chief Sallenger arrived, but he stepped in to try and revive Mr. Stare. Mr. Stare did not survive, but Ms. Rhodes noted Ken's great leadership and concern by taking over the task at the scene. He also called several times following that day to check on Mr. Stare's wife and Ms. Rhodes. This care and concern and compassion meant so much to Mrs. Stare and Ms. Rhodes.

Town Council thanked Ken for his dedication and commitment to our Town residents.



Mayor Moore and Ken Sallenger

As a reminder, Council agendas and minutes are found on our website [HERE](#).

